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DRY FANATICS BLAMED FOR HUNDREDS DYING FROM WOOD ALCOHOL

Revenue Bureau Says Law Neither Provides for, Nor Protects Drink Addict.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Fanatical prohibitionists are responsible for the hundreds of death caused within the past few weeks by the drinking of whisky substitutes, according to an official of the Internal Revenue Bureau, who for years has been active in the matter of the enforcement of license laws.

"When the anti-drug act was passed," said this official, "provision was made for the confirmed addict to whom the withholding of the drug meant death. There are thousands of people in the United States who are just as confirmed addicts to whisky and who will go to the same extreme to get whisky as the drug addict will go to get his favorite drug."

Licensed physicians are permitted to prescribe a certain amount of drugs or the unfortunate addict can go to a licensed bureau and obtain a sufficient amount to prevent abnormal suffering because of the prohibition of the sale of drugs, but no provision whatever is made for the person who, perhaps, for many years has been used to having his drink of whisky. He must either perjure himself or cause some physician to perjure himself before he can obtain any, and then only at a prohibitive price.

Laws Won't Stop Drinking.

"These deaths, paralysis or total blindness from the drinking of substitutes were expected by those who have made a study of the situation and, though Congress might enact all the legislation in the world it will not stop these people from drinking anything that contains alcohol. The recent deaths from the most part were caused by the drinking of a liquid that clearly is not a beverage and cannot, without serious results, be used as a beverage."

"Wood alcohol, such as that drunk by those who died Christmas Day in New England and other sections of the country, is denatured within the limits prescribed by the prohibition enforcement laws, and its sale can not be prohibited as long as the need for mechanical purposes."

"No normal person would knowingly drink such stuff. And no normal person would purchase and drink the stuff that is being sold now as whisky addicts who have suddenly been cut off from something to which their constitution has become accustomed, coloring and sale of the deadly mixture as whisky, but they are in the minority. Sooner or later these persons will be captured and dealt with to the limit of the law, but until some provision is made whereby whisky addicts are taken care of, these addicts will continue to buy and drink anything that contains alcohol and satisfies the whisky craving regardless of the consequences."

The revenue officials are doing their best to detect and arrest all whisky bootleggers, whether they sell pure or bad whisky, but the law does not prevent persons from buying wood alcohol in the making of beverages.

It is expected that the suggestion recently made that the makers of wood alcohol be required by law to mix it with certain ingredients which will render it immediately unpalatable and thereby result in its detection even by a novice, will be carried into effect within the next few months.

Guard Against Poison Urged.

Commenting upon the reports in this morning's newspapers of more deaths from whisky made from wood

alcohol, bureau officials again urged that the newspapers and magazines and in a publicity campaign which will put everybody on his guard against the poison.

Even in cases where death does not result, they explained, total or partial blindness and paralysis is likely to result from the internal use of wood alcohol.

Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of the Washington police force, today issued an order that policemen warn all dealers in automobile supplies against selling wood alcohol to persons of a doubtful character. These dealers keep wood alcohol for sale to their patrons for use as an antifreeze mixture in their automobile radiators. It is also on sale in other stores for use as fuel for lamp and stoves.

"In many cases," says Maj. Pullman, "it is obtained in this manner for drinking purposes."

MILLIONAIRES INCREASE.

Washington, Jan. 8.—According to income tax returns there are 20,000 persons in this country who are rated as millionaires. It is stated that during the four war years more than 12,000 new millionaires were created.

LOUISVILLE WOMEN PLEDGE OUR RACE HERE SQUARE DEAL.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 8.—At a joint conference of the National Consumers' League, the Americanization Committee of the Kentucky Branch of the Woman's Council of National Defense, and the Kentucky Conference of Social Work, held at Louisville recently, was a very important session, devoted to race relations. This is reported to have been the first meeting ever held in Kentucky where leaders of both races came together before a large audience of both races to talk over important matters of common interest. The spirit of the meeting was encouraging in every way. At the close of the session the following resolutions were adopted:

"We favor the establishing of district sanitariums with state aid for the care and treatment of all persons, both white and colored, in Kentucky, who suffer from tuberculosis."

"We urge all the people of our Southland, both white and colored, to co-operate with the view of bringing about a better understanding between the races and to this end provide adequate educational facilities for Negro youth."

"To adopt measures that will insure the Negroes health."

"To recognize the good and higher qualities of the Negro through press and otherwise."

"To guarantee justice and a recognition of his rights before law and to stand for the equal enforcement of law on both sides."

"To labor for industrial justice for the Negro."

"To endeavor in every reasonable way to give the Negro a man's chance and help him work out his own salvation as an American citizen."

RESIDENTS OF SOUTH DALLAS WILL OPPOSE OPENING NEGRO PARK.

Residents of South Dallas, who are opposed to opening a Negro park at Warren and Myers streets by the Park Board met Sunday night and decided to send a committee of five to protest to Mayor Frank W. Wozencraft against the park. After considerable discussion the plan was adopted to form a large delegation of about 100 objectors to voice their opposition in person with the Mayor Monday morning. Up to noon, however, the delegation had failed to put in its appearance at the city hall.

The chief complaint against opening the park, it was brought out, is that when activities and entertainments are scheduled for the park the South Dallas street cars will be

too crowded with Negroes for the comfort of the white passengers and that a too large congregation of Negroes will take place at Second and Forest avenues when transferring from one car line to another.

NINE COLORED EX-SOLDIERS LYNCHED.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, today published a statement showing that 9 colored ex-soldiers had been lynched in the United States during 1919. Of the nine, two were buried to death, two were hanged, four were shot and one was beaten.

Colored Soldiers Lynched During 1919

March 14, Castlebury, Fla.—Bud Johnson, burned to death. Said to have confessed to attack on white woman.

April 15, Pikesville, Miss.—admitted he had hired a woman to write an insulting note to a white woman.

May 21, Eldorado, Ark.—Frank Livingston, charged with killing his employer and the latter's wife; burned to death.

July 15, Louisa, Miss.—Robert lynched for having made indecent proposals to a white woman. Hanged.

Aug., Fayette County, Ga.—Charles Kelly, shot to death by white man because he did not turn out of the road soon enough.

Aug. 14, Pope City, Ga.—Jim Grant, alleged to have shot a white man and his son. Hanged.

Sept. 29, Montgomery, Ala.—Robert Croakey, charged with having assaulted a white woman. Shot.

Sept. 3, Star City, Ark.—Clinton Briggs, accused of having insulted white woman. Shot.

Dec. 21, Smithville, Ga.—Charles West, accused of murder of white man. Shot.

REPORTS SHOW U. S. CHILDREN ILLITERATE.

That many American-born children are growing up illiterate is shown by figures given in the 17th Annual Report of the Chief of the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor. These figures were collected in connection with the Bureau's administration of the Child Labor Act of 1916 which was later declared unconstitutional. They cover five states in which the employment of children was general.

Of 19,696 children between 14 and 16 years old to whom certificates were issued, more than one-fourth could not write their names legibly. Nearly 10 per cent had never gone beyond the first grade and considerably more than half were in the fourth grade or lower when they left school. Only about three per cent were in eighth grade and about one in a hundred had reached high school.

These children were native Americans. Of the whole number, only 24 were foreign born. The responsibility for their neglect, the report points out, is not merely a local one. The United States is now offering to the states financial assistance and expert advice in providing for the vocational education of children. A similar national policy might well be followed in regard to elementary education.

"It is general agreed," says the report, "that . . . the educational opportunities offered the rural child are inferior to those offered the children in cities or industrial towns. Illiteracy is everywhere higher in the rural than in the urban population. Unless prompt attention be given the problem the children of the present generation will not be assured at least the elementary education which every citizen in a republic should have. We surely cannot afford to ignore the need of a national guaranty of at least an elementary education for all the children of the country."

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President Wilson's enforced disability recalls the premeditated negligence—worn slippers, yarn stockings and old suit—by which Jefferson sought to impress the British ambassador with American democracy when that official arrived in full official dress to present his credentials. Early morning callers on John Quincy Adams had to cool their heels until that president finished three chapters in the Bible and walked down back of the White House for a swim in the Potomac. To "drop in" at the White House evenings, quite the sociable thing to do during Jackson's terms, meant finding the chief executive before an open fire, in an old loose coat, doing duty as a smoking jacket, puffing at a long pipe with a bowl of red clay.

Every room of the White House abounds in history. The oak-paneled state dining room knows dinners of the homely sort that Jefferson gave when the Washington village butcher brought along his son, because he heard there was to be an extra place at the table; of the picturesque kind,

like one given more than a century ago to the Tunisian ambassador, who was aggrieved because everyone would not withdraw while he smoked his pipe, though his secretary showed his good will by ceremoniously kissing the ladies present; of the bizarre kind given by Theodore Roosevelt to cow punchers, ex-prize fighters and distinguished men of letters, not to mention the famous one with Booker T. Washington as a guest, and many memorable banquets. Like those to Marshal Joffre and Sir Arthur Balfour, when the china set of 1,500 pieces and the famous cut glass, every piece of which is engraved with the arms of the United States, were used.

No room is better known to the public than the east room, of late years the scene of brilliant receptions and White House weddings. It, too, has memories of a cruder democracy, when all Washington flocked there to "follow about the servants who carried refreshments, seizing upon whatever they could get," and upon one occasion two "ladies" perched upon the chimney piece to get a better view of the colorful scene.

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